

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is a pleasure to announce that the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission will be *celebrating its 50th Anniversary* and holding its *2013 Human Rights Awards Dinner* on *Thursday, May 16th, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.* at *Villa Lombardi's located at 877 Main Street in Holbrook, NY.*

The Commission is now accepting nominations for the following prestigious awards:

I. THE ELIZABETH GUANILL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Ms. Elizabeth Guanill was a community activist, volunteering countless hours to work within the local Hispanic communities. Ms. Guanill served as Chairperson of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission for many years. She was a lifelong role model for the young people and a mentor to many individuals within her community.

This award will be given to honor *an individual who, as a volunteer*, exemplifies the pursuit of human rights for all people.

II. THE LAWRENCE TIMPA MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mr. Lawrence Timpa served as an employee of the Human Rights Commission for 18 years, filling every position from Investigator to Acting Executive Director. Mr. Timpa is remembered for his passion, concern, and his ability to build bridges within the community.

This award will be given to honor *an individual who, in his or her professional life*, has responded to violations of human rights and/or has sought to change institutional structures that have restricted full participation by all people.

III. THE CHAIRPERSON'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS

This award will be presented to an *individual who has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to human rights* by volunteering his or her time to serve as a board member of a non-profit agency or organization that promotes equal opportunity.

IV. THE HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION

This award will be presented to *a student, a school group, an educator or a school program* for promoting human rights and social justice within the school and/or its surrounding community.

V. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION AWARD

This award will be given to *a non-profit community-based organization* for their support, commitment and dedication to the advancement of human and civil rights.

Please note that all nominees must be located within Suffolk County. Kindly submit your nominations by April 15, 2013, and include the following information:

- **Your name, address, telephone number, and email address**
- **The name, address, and phone number of your nominee**
- **The Award category**
- **A description of accomplishments and reason for your nomination**

By E-mail: Jennifer.Blaske@suffolkcountyny.gov
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Attn: Jennifer Blaske, Executive Director

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Thank you for taking the time to make your nominations, and we hope to see you at the dinner on Thursday, May 16th!

Sincerely yours,



Jennifer Blaske
Executive Director

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